

I am extremely concerned about Sinclair Broadcasting's decision to force stations to air an anti-Kerry documentary days before the presidential election. As media consolidation places more local stations under the control of a few individuals, the ability to blanket the airwaves with propoganda becomes a serious threat to our democracy.

Sinclair uses the public airwaves free of charge, and is obligated by law to serve the public interest. Forcing local stations to air an anti-Kerry "documentary" just days before the election does not serve the public interest.

Sinclair's actions show why we need to strengthen media ownership rules, not weaken them. They show why the license renewal process needs to involve more than a returned postcard. Thank you.